

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 11:00:04 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 11:00:40 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., on Monday, July 5, 2021.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 50 public bills, H.R. 4295–4344; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 54; and H. Res. 517–522, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Committee on Appropriations. Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2022 (H. Rept. 117–78);

H.R. 4345, making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–79); and

H.R. 4346, making appropriations for Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–80).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Blumenauer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act: The House passed H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 208. Consideration began Wednesday, June 30th.

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Rejected the Gibbs motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 207.

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Agreed to:

Dauids (KS) en bloc amendment No. 5 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 117–75 that was debated on June 30th: Barragán (No. 116) that broadens the scope of the GAO consolidation report to include policy recommendations on alternative compliance strategies and recommended best practices on including public participation in distressed water system consolidations; Bush (No. 117) that requires EPA Administrator to undertake a review of current and ongoing efforts to remediate radiological contamination at Coldwater Creek in North St. Louis County, MO; Craig (No. 118) that adds the text of the House-passed Local Water Protection Act, which would amend the Clean Water Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to nonpoint source management at \$200 million for each of Fiscal Years 2022 through 2026; Escobar (No. 123) that reauthorizes the Wastewater Assistance to Colonias program and increases its authorization level; Green (TX) (No. 124) that seeks to require the Environmental Protection Agency to publish a maximum contaminant level goal and promulgate a national primary drinking water regulation under section 1412 of the Safe Drinking Water Act for chromium-6 within 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act; Jackson Lee (No. 126) that directs that the report the EPA Administrator is required by Section 12020 to submit to Congress also document the harm and injury caused by any identified inequities in the distribution of wastewater infrastructure funds with respect to the identified needs of rural communities, economically disadvantaged communities; Jackson Lee

(No. 127) that establishes a Natural Hazard Education And Response Grant Program for community water systems to carry out activities to educate and assist persons served by the community water system in adapting and responding to malevolent acts and natural hazards, including sub-zero temperatures, that disrupt the provision of safe drinking water or significantly affect the public health or the safety or supply of drinking water provided to communities and individuals; Kaptur (No. 128) that clarifies the reporting requirements for the green project reserve program, setting clearer guidelines for EPA to track the categories of innovative projects that address green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements, or other environmentally innovative activities; Kildee (No. 129) that requires EPA to create a website to help private well owners understand their water quality testing results and provide information on improving their water quality; Krishnamoorthi (No. 130) that requires the EPA to conduct a study on the effect of toilet wipes marketed as flushable on municipal water systems and residential plumbing systems; Lawrence (No. 131) that requires a GAO report on affordability, discrimination, and civil rights violations in water and sewer services nationwide; Lee (NV) (No. 133) that requires that any wastewater infrastructure funded using the Clean Water State Revolving Fund or other Clean Water Act grant programs to first undergo a climate resiliency assessment, which would ensure that future wastewater infrastructure is designed and constructed to withstand potential impacts of climate change, including drought; McNerney (No. 136) that amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to establish a publicly accessible website at the Environmental Protection Agency on reported water main breaks and associated repair activity; Moore (WI) (No. 137) that strengthens an existing water infrastructure workforce program to help ensure that low-income and very low-income individuals, including those with barriers to employment, are targeted to receive job training on careers in the water and waste-water sectors and increases the authorized funding level to \$25 million annually; Moore (WI) (No. 138) that authorizes an EPA grant program to support regional stormwater centers of excellence to conduct research and development on innovative stormwater control technologies; Moore (WI) (No. 139) that encourages the use of contractors to carry-out lead pipe replacements who hire or provide job training to low-income and very low-income individuals who live in the areas in which such projects will take place and requires a report about the effectiveness of the lead pipe replacement program, including the use of funds to hire low-income and very low-income individuals to carry out the projects; Nor-

cross (No. 140) that requires EPA to develop guidance to help public water systems identify high-risk locations for purposes of focusing efforts to test drinking water for lead and replace lead service lines; Ocasio-Cortez (No. 141) that doubles the funding to replace and update lead water infrastructure in schools and childcare programs to \$1 billion total (or \$100 million per year); O'Halleran (No. 142) that addresses the Indian Health Service's updated 2019 Sanitation Facilities Deficiency List—which details sanitation deficiency levels for tribal homes and communities nationwide—by setting aside funding for the planning, design, construction, modernization, improvement, and renovation of water, sewer, and solid waste sanitation facilities; Payne (No. 144) that prioritizes areas with a history of lead water contamination for lead water filtration grants to schools and child care facilities; Sewell (No. 145) that increases the Authorization of Appropriations for the Household Wastewater Grant Program to \$100,000,000 a year for fiscal years FY2022 to FY2026; Tlaib (No. 146) that explicitly requires reconnections for residential customers regardless of whether their entire debt is paid off; Tlaib (No. 147) that adds a study and data collection provisions regarding the prevalence of low-income households in the U.S. who do not have access to affordable wastewater, stormwater, and drinking water services; Vargas (No. 148) that allows the Environmental Protection Agency to allocate funds to the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), in order for the IBWC to carry out planning and construction, among other related activities, to establish treatment works that address transboundary stormwater and wastewater pollution; and Vargas (No. 149) that establishes the California New River Restoration program, through which the Environmental Protection Agency would provide funds, technical assistance, and coordinate local, state and federal stakeholders for the purpose of improving water quality, water management and wildlife protection relating to the U.S. section of the New River (by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 205); and

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Lee (NV) amendment (No. 132 printed in H. Rept. 117–75) that was debated on June 30th that requires that any wastewater infrastructure funded using the Clean Water State Revolving Fund or other Clean Water Act grant programs to first undergo a climate resiliency assessment, which would ensure that future wastewater infrastructure is designed and constructed to withstand potential impacts of climate change, including drought (by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 206).

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Agreed by unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, spelling, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H3588**

H. Res. 508, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3684) was agreed to yesterday, June 30th.

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol—Appointment: The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol Representative Thompson (MS), Chair; Representatives Lofgren, Schiff, Aguilar, Cheney, Murphy (FL), Raskin, and Luria. **Page H3597**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3585, H3586, H3586–87, and H3587–88.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, FY 2022; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2022. The State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, FY 2022; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2022 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 3524, the “Ensuring

American Global Leadership and Engagement Act”. H.R. 3524 was ordered reported, as amended.

BUILDING TRUST AND BATTLING BARRIERS: THE URGENT NEED TO OVERCOME VACCINE HESITANCY

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis held a hearing entitled “Building Trust and Battling Barriers: The Urgent Need to Overcome Vaccine Hesitancy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REVIEW OF THE FY22 VETERANS AFFAIRS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled “Review of the FY22 Veterans Affairs Information Technology Budget”. Testimony was heard from Jon Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Carol C. Harris, Director of Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 2, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2:30 p.m., Monday, July 5

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11:30 a.m., Friday, July 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11:30 a.m.

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